POISONOUS LIQUOR HAS CLAIMED 41 VICTIMS, CHIEFLY IN CHICOPEE

Hospitals Blinded or Seriously Ill, and Some Are Not Expected to Recover - Widespread Distribution of Liquid Feared.

WOOD ALCOHOL WAS PROBABLY USED TO MAKE IT

Liquor Has Been Traced to Hartford, Conn., But It Is Believed the Stuff Was Manufactured in New York City-The Federal, State and Local Authorities at Work on Case.

Chicopee, Mass., Dec. 27.—The death of at least 41 persons in three Connecticut valley cities since Christmas night as a result of drinking poisonous liqnor, believed to contain a wood alcohol base, caused state and local authorities in three states to make a determined effort to day to locate the origin of the intoxicant. Twenty-four men and one woman died here, 10 in Hartford, Conn., and six in Holyoke. A score of others were in hospitals, blinded or seriously ill. Several were not expected to live.

The wholesale distribution of the liq uer, officials say, has been traced to Hartford, where four men are under arrest, charged with murder. Two men have been arrested here, charged with manslaughter. Other arrests are expected. The police believe the liquor was manufactured in New York, and the police in that city are assisting in

The police here were armed with search warrants to-day and were or-dered to search all suspected places. Five of the seven additional deaths reported here since vesterday were of per sons who became ill in their homes, and the police believe there may be many other cases of sickness of the same kind not yet reported. Medical Exam iner Fletcher announced that autopsi performed during the night indicated that death had been caused by wood In Labyrinthian Wine Cellars Beneath

Reports from Hartford that whole sale shipments of the liquor believed to have caused the deaths had been made to many cities and towns in this vicinity aroused the police to a diligent search of the district and led District

12 BARRELS OF FLUID BOUGHT IN NEW YORK

Department of Justice Officials Have suffered comparatively little damage. Traced the "Whiskey" to That City.

New York, Dec. 27.-Federal agents, health authorities and police in many cities in the east, united to-day in a campaign against traffic in "whiskey" made from wood alcohol, following the wave of death and blindness from this cause in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The death list of victims of Christ mas "cheer" in these states had reached a total of more than 40 early to-day, Officials declared t probable that unreported cases by the score exist from coast to coast. Warning has been issued here by agencies co-operating is the fight, telling the public of the danger lurking in anything that passed for whiskey in saloons. Arrests were expected in New York

to-day in connection with the deaths in Chicopee Falls and Holyoke, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., the three cities hardest hit by the poisoned liquor. Three men are under arrest in Hartford, charged with murder. The police allege that they bought 12 barrels of the fluid in the Bronx for \$12,000, which they took to Hartford by motor truck, where water was added. Then it was sold, according to the police, in other cities. Department of justice agents announce that they have traced the "whiskey" to New York, where they say it was made

A scientific fight against all poisonous substitutes for liquor has been started. In addition to the crusade against wood alcohol, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, commissioner of health, has announced that the department will analyze home-made drinks.

Some of the substitutes for whiskey made according to receipts widely ad vertised contain fusel oil, and other dangerous ingredients, according to the A determined effort will he made to find out if any methyl alcohol is being diverted from paint shops or other industrial use and resold for beverage purposes.

ONE DRINK BRINGS BLINDNESS. And May Even Produce Death-Chicago Has Epidemics of Deaths.

Chicago, Dec. 27.-County and city officials here to day joined hands for Caleb Marsh Van Hamm Was Native a crusade against selling wood alcohol as a beverage. Wood alcohol, since July 1, has killed approximately 35 from drinking wood alcohol and four the country, died to-day at Miami, Fla. | Unsettled with occasional local snows May, who was found guilty Wednesday died vesterday. "We have held inquests on 28 or 30 here.

Many Other Persons Are in drug," said Peter M. Hoffman, coroner of Cook county. "I expect a lot more LOOTING CHARGE in a few days from New York celebra-

> One ordinary drink of wood alcoho can make a man permanently blind and sometimes kill him, Mr. Hoffman said. Two men who sold wood alcohol to nen who died after drinking it have been held for the grand jury on mur-

der charges. A city ordnance which would limit sale of wood alcohol to commercial men alone, and remove it from drug stores and saloons, is expected to be submit ted in a few days.

VICTIMS IN CLEVELAND.

Nine More Patients Were Added to the Hospital List To-day.

Cleveland, Dec. 27.-Nine additional Fictims of wood alcohol poisoning were n Cleveland hospitals to-day, raising the week's total of sufferers from drinking whiskey substitutes to 24. In the same period three deaths have been attributed to wood or denatured alcool poison, placing the fatality toll for ie month at 14.

FIVE VICTIMS AT NEWARK.

Two More Deaths To-day from Alcohol Poisoning.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 27.—Wood alco-hol poisoning to-day caused the deaths of two persons at the City hospital, bringing the death list from that cause to five during the past two weeks.

THIRTEEN DEAD AT HARTFORD

That Was Wood Alcohol Toll Up to Noon To-day.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 27. - Thirteen ersons had died here from wood also hol poisoning up till noon to-day.

FOURTEEN BARRELS OF RUM STOLEN

Was Rolled Out of Bonded Warehous in New York-Selected Stock Taken.

New York, Dec. 27. Fourteen barrels of rum, valued at \$14,000, were stolen German People Seem to See Contradicfrom a bonded warehouse on the lower vest side during the Christmas holiday, the police announced to-day. The sto en stock was carefully selected from among 3,000 barrels of liquor in the warehouse, which was not under guard,

MILLIONS OF BOTTLES TO BE CONCEALED

Cities of Rheims and Epernay-Germans Took Little of Stock.

Rheims, Dec. 27.—Labyrinthian wine cellars beneath the cities of Rheims Attorney Joseph B. Ely of Westfield to and Epernay are being rapidly put in request the assistance of the state order by the big champagne firms of the two cities. These cellars, which would form a subterranean gallery 60 miles in length, hold hundreds of millions of bottles of precious vintages, and, notwithstanding the fact that his region was for four year under fire from German or allied guns, they

Losses incurred by the wine industry, while they will place a heavy burden on firms for a while, will be recouped in a short time, according to statements made to the Associated Press correspondent, who is visiting the former battle zone un ler special permission from the French government. German soldiers took very little wine

from the cellars when they swept southward over this district in 1914. Probably confident that their advance meant permanent occupation of the hampagne region saved the cellars from pillage at the time and when the eaction came they were forced to retreat so rapidly they had little of portunity to invade the underground stores. Four years of bombardmen destroyed the greater part of the handsome buildings erected by the wine companies, but the most of the damage done to the stocks is attributed to French and allied soldiers. Fighting men made unofficial requisitions termed about 325,000 bottles, including many the presidency of Premier Clemenceau "reserved" vintages. Frequently irresponsible soldiers would bore holes sults of the first meeting between Ger in huge casks of unbottled wine and, man and allied military experts regard after filling a bucket, would permit the ing arrangements for the execution of temainder in the cask to be wasted. It the treaty of Versailles. is believed one million bottles were lost

ollect scattered unlabelled bottles, the age of which experts must determine, ture of the reply to the Swiss memo-There is, however, a large reserve which is ready for the market. Surface buildings and bottling plants are being reconstructed rapidly, and in a few tion that its entry into the is months the Rheims and Epernay dis-isubject to certain conditions. ricts will be ready for operation again, There were 10,000 employes of wine companies in the French army, and it stated the percentage of casualties

In the Pommery cellars, owned by Marquis de Polignac, the great cask of champagne that was exhibited at he St. Louis exposition in 1904 remained undamaged throughout the

WELL KNOWN EDITOR DEAD.

of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, Dec. 27. Caleb Marsh predictions for the North Atlantic Van Hamm, a native of Cincinnati, one states for the week beginning Monday, Four to-day were in hospitals of the best known newspaper editors in issued by the weather bureau to-day: according to word received by relatives and

And Robbery With Violence Are Among Other Criminal Offenses

LIST OF GERMANS HAS BEEN COMPLETED

No Further Action as to the Case of the Former Emperor

London, Dec. 27.-Frederick Wilbe included in the list of persons whose French, according to an unofficial re-French under-secretary for military

The ex-crown prince, it is said, will charged with criminal offenses, inluding looting and robbery with vloice, committed in France.

There appears to have been no furher decision reached at the conference with regard to the case of former Emperor William.

A full list of the men whose surcender will be demanded has been completed, it was stated, and the steps which are to be taken to insure their surrender have been decided upon. One or two questions still outstanding will he submitted to Premiers Lloyd George land Clemenceau when they meet in Paris next month.

THINK ALLIES ARE PLAYING POLITICS

tion in the Most Recent Note to Berlin.

has left Berlin without newspapers for him with nationalist matches, and is colled out of the building, loaded onto the past 24 hours and the text of the there no one to lead this bad boy entente's last note, demanding the away by the ear? signing of the protocol to the peace treaty will not be published until Sat- civilization and peace when Finme be The cabinet held a brief session

Official opinion in Berlin relative to supreme council is "playing politics," tion in the note, which in its introductory sentence, refers to the absence of American ratification and subsequentnited States may be finally omitted from the list of ratifying powers.

The Berlin government believes reference to these conditions is superflu ous, inasmuch as it has already indicated it does not propose to construe America's failure to participate as entitling Germany to concessions, especially as the cabinet is fully aware that ratification by three powers is all the sanction needed

From information obtainable toreply, it is indicated, will suggest that second protocol definitely establishing the tonnage to be turned over be state. signed simultaneously with the original protocol.

GERMANS OFFER TOO LITTLE RAILROAD *TOCK

To Carry Allied Troops Into German Districts Where Plebiscites Are to Be Taken.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The supreme counci 'ransom," and these cost the cellars went into session this morning under and received information as to the re-It appeared on the first exchange of

Champagne firms, however, accepted by the Germans for the importation of heir losses cheerfully, believing the all allied troops to districts where plebil tured by the bolsheviki). He is reported soldiers were entitled to the wine. scites are to be held was considered in ed as having encountered great diffi-Six months' time will be required to sufficient by the allied representatives. The council also considered the narandum concerning the entry of Switzerland into the league of nations. The council will reply to the Swiss sugges- ed in getting along well with Admiral tion that its entry into the league be Kolchak.

> The report on the negotiations with the Germans over the troop transporting the question in diplomatic circles tation question was laid before the here how Japan will look upon the council by General Weigand. The report revealed that the Germans had forces in the immediate proximity to declared that because of lack of material it was impossible to supply the six trains daily demanded by the allies. ready in progress between Tokio and They made an offer of four trains a Washington regarding the Siberian day for the time required.

UNSETTLED WEATHER

And Temperatures Below Normal Predicted for Next Week

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.-Weather

15 PEOPLE FACING BEING DESERTEI

eaders Associated With Him Are Reported to Have Left Fiume

D'ANNUNZIO IS

LEADER ASKS NITTI TO SETTLE MATTER

FOR EX-PRINCE Before the Premier Leaves to Confer With the Allies Further

> Rome, Dec. 27.-Gabriele D'Annunzio understood to have asked Premier Nitti to postpone his announced visit o London on the ground that his departure should be preceded by the eaching of a definite settlement of he Fiume question between D'Annuntio and the Italian government. Lieutenant Commander Rizzo, Majo

Ginriati, chief of D'Annunzio's cabinet and other leaders associated with D'Annunzio, are said to have left the Fiume Premier Nitti plans to go to London from Rome and from that city to reurn to Paris to attend the meeting of

the allied premiers and foreign minisliam, former German crown prince, will ters which is expected to begin next week, according to a statement bearing surrender for trial is demanded by the a semi-official character printed in the Corrière D'Italia to-day. It is stated that the premier believes he will b port of a recent meeting between Brit- able to come to an understanding with ish law officials, and Edouard Ignace, the British premier on problems closely affecting Italy.

"Signor Nitti hopes to obtain from that granted France, especially relative to a loan which will have its in fluence upon the exchange situation, the newspaper says. "The premier wil do his best to have the supreme coun cil agree that the allied and associated governments will recognize Italy's soy ereignty over Italian towns, first of all Finme and that they will accept the result of negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia.

"It is fated that the drama of Finns would end as a grotesque operetta, the Corrière says, in commenting upor the Adriatic situation

"The most authoritative companion of Captain D'Annunzio in his adventure are abandoning him in his dream of acting the little tyrant of the 14th He does not realize the situation, however, but dresses himself as corporal of storm troops and plays the king among the soldiers, indiffer ent to the opposition of all Fiume and all Italy. Everybody agrees to-day in depicting D'Annunzio as a naughty, dangerous boy lighting fire next Berlin, Dec. 26. The double holiday powder magazine, who has supplied

"The Adriatic sea will be the abode of comes Italian," says the newly elected o-day for the purpose of informally Deputy Sembenelli, in an interview the entente communication, it is said, dangerous to the world. After bolshe regards as further evidence that the vism civilization to-day is threatened Sovernment officials point out what is Mediterraneau must have its dyke, believed here to be seeming contradic- which is represented by the Dinarie Alps (forming the frontier of Dalmatia and Bosnia). Fiume must be annexed without restriction to Italy. Let ly mentions the possibility that the Premier Nitti beware of continuing the policy of a beggar and a Jeremiah. The only way to earn credit abroad is to be firm in our will."

COMMITTEE GOVERNMENT.

Has Been Set Up by Revolutionary So cialists in Irkutsk.

Paris, Dec. 27. Revolutionary social ists have formed a committee govern ment in Irkutak, Siberia, where the night, it is evident the government is all-Russian government of Admiral Koldetermined to have the entente demand chak established its headquarters after HOLD-UP MAN WAS for indemnity tonnage for German being driven from Omsk, according to warships sunk at Scapa Flow precises news received in French official circles ly indicated. To this end, the German to-day, The revolutionists, took possession of the Irkutsk station on the Philip LaHoud Shot by Policeman in trans-Siberian railway, the reports

Premier Pepeliaeff, of the Kolchak government, is absent from Irkutsk being on his way west to meet Ad miral Kolchak, for a conference regard ing the formation of a new ministry M. Tretickoff, the new minister of foreign affairs, also left Irkutsk recently meet General Semenoff, the Cossack leader, in the Baikal region. Taking advantage of the absence of

the principal members of the government, the socialists, according to the advices, organized an insurrection, It is considered doubtful here wheth r Admiral Kolchak will find anything f his government when he finally gets o Irkutsk. His present whereabouts i not definitely known. (Dispatches from Irkutsk early this month announced that Admiral Kolchak and his staff had established their headquarters at views that the railroad material offered | Taiga. This town, together with Tomsk. just to the north, has since been captured by the bolsheviki). He is report culties with detachments of Czecho-Slo vak troops which are en route to Vladivostok by the trans-Siberian railway. These troops have been guarding sections of the line and have not succeed-

> Bands of bolsheviki are now not far from the Baikal district, which is raising the question in diplomatic circles prospect of the presence of Lenine's Japanese sphere of influence, It is supposed here that conversations are al question as affected by the advance of the holsheviki and the weakening of the Kolchak government.

TWO YEARS IN PRISON. Sentence Imposed on R. B. Russell in

Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Dec. 27. - R. B. Russell, leader of the general strike here last temperatures somewhat below of seditions conspiracy, to-day was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

STARVATION ON ISLAND WILL REVISE

Canadian Government Lighthouse and Wireless Station Help Are Isolated at Belle Isle.

death by starving to-day because of the failure of the delivery of their win-ter provisions. A telegram received here from Belle Isle said that the gov ernment employes, including two light house keepers, three wireless operators and their wives and children were isolated from the rest of the world and ad but a scanty supply of provisions.

The government steamer Aranmore paded with provisions for their relief, oundered a few weeks ago. The food was then transferred to the government steamer Montcalm, now at Bonne Bay, N. F., but she has been delayed in reaching the government stations be cause of the bad weather and ice packs. The Montcalm is only a day's run from Belle Isle.

IVY DIVISION REUNION. Gathering in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.-Former soldiers rom many states assembled in New York to day for a reunion and smoker of the Ivy division. More than a thousand men are expected to attend. Brigadier General Benjamin A. Poor, presiof the Ivy association, now at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, will pre-Major General Mark L. Hersey, commanded the division during the Argonne drives, will be the gue of honor. Brigadier General A. B. Abbott, commanding the 4th field artilbridgade, also will be a guest.

RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS CROWDS ELLIS ISLAND

England financial treatment similar to There Are So Many Newcomers That There May Be No Chance for Deportations.

> New York, Dec. 27.-Heavy immigra-Island that officials expressed doubt

mmigrants have arrived in port and eral board. o-day 1,168 were detained at the isng deportation will probably remain mittee. ere for some time, it was said, be-"soviet ark." There are only adding that Secretary Daniels, Rearabout two dozen anarchist cases at Admiral Knight, Rear-Admiral Sims Ellis Island now.

SUSPECT TWO SAILORS.

In Connection with Breaks in Southern Vermont.

Brattleboro, Dec. 27.—Reilroad stations at Townshead and Williamsville, printed in the Giornale d'Italia. "There trai Vermont raliroud were found brokis no other solution except a peace en into yesterday when the station work. by impulsive Slav preponderance. The key that fitted the outer door at Wheeler says they forced the office door and secured about \$10 in pennies The burglars forced a door at Wil-

> liamsville, broke open a barrel of Christmas gifts and strewed the contents and also forced the ticket office window and stole a package of 250 tickets from Williamsville to Brattleboro, Station Agent E. R. Willard had eft no money at the station.

> Two sailors who disappeared from fownshend Thursday night after locking the door of their room and jumping from a window are wanted by State's Attorney E. W. Gibson.

SLAIN IN CHASE

New York After He Had Held Up Patrons of a Restaurant.

New York, Dec. 27 .- While attempting to escape from a restaurant on the disregarded and that the secretary by lower west side, where he is alleged failing to follow the recommendations to have held up the patrons early to of commanding officers and awarding day, Philip LaHoud of Newport, R. L. decorations to suit himself, had caused was shot and killed by Patrolman John widespread injustice and a weakening J. Wimmer, LaHoud, a Syrian, pre- of morale among naval officers. viously had shot one of the patrons in the leg and had fired three shots at the of 19 officers who served under him sponsible for the party. George Young, dantly. While realizing that he may patrolman.

DIED IN RAILROAD STATION. Marcus Aldrich, Civil War Veteran, Was Visiting in Brattleboro.

Brattleboro, Dec. 27.-Marcus Aldrich Rear Admiral Sims' statement, Secre of Winchendon, Mass., a Civil war vet- tary Daniels was called upon by the eran, died of heart disease in the union Senate naval affairs committee for a mission on Brook street the children of mont was far ahead in comparison and station here yesterday afternoon. He detailed report on the subject. A large that Sabbath school gave a short pro- after all, Barre was a pretty good place came here to visit over Christmas and force of clerks is now busy preparing gram before receiving presents. The to live in; that it was up to the workwas in the waiting room waiting for a the report. train when stricken. Employes at the station called Dr. E. R. Lynch, but Mr. Aldrich died in a few minutes. His name was learned through the Christmas cards in his pocket. He was well dressed and were a large diamond ring. He was a member of the Masonic lodge in Amherst, Mass., His wife is the funeral of Mrs. William Stacy, Ethel Inglis at the piano. The program was cleared for dancing, which was

WILSON WILL BE 63 YEARS OLD TO-MORROW

Was Reported To-day to Be Continuing.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.— President will be 63 years old to pribute to the woman. Contributed by morrow. His daughters, Mrs. William these people were several beautiful Wednesday at his home at 406 North G. McAdoo and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, flower designs. expressed a desire a week or 10 days

anniversary, and they may come, Rear-Admiral Grayson, the presi- the Catholic cemetery. Bearers for the Only the very near relatives attended were destroyed by fire to-day, causing dent's physician, said to-day his patient's progress continues and that the Peter Conyo, Orville and Henry Buspresident was in good spirits. siere and Lyman Budreau.

NAVY AWARDS

the government lighthouse and wireless station at Belle Isle are in danger of death by starving to do the death by Consider the Data and Make Recommendation

> MORE PROTESTS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED

> Admiral Henry B. Wilson and Rear-Admiral Henry T. Mayo Write Daniels

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.- In revisng the lists of naval decorations to be ng the war, the Knight board, Secre-Former Soldiers from Many States Are tary Daniels said to-day, will be inising the original lists.

> the board would give full consideration to the views expressed by Rear-Admiral Sims and other high officers who were awarded.

> The secretary added that he hoped could be approved by him without vill be sent to President Wilson for etary on behalf of the president.

dready considered and act upon addi-Mr. Daniels disclosed that Admiral Hen-B. Wilson and Rear-Admiral Henry f. Mayo had written him calling attenon to what they described as inequalities in the awards recently an-Admiral Wilson commands the At

lantic fleet and was in charge of Ameri-

can naval forces in French waters during the war. Admiral Mayo command-During the last 48 sours some 8,000 and is now a member of the navy gen-The whole subject of naval decora-

aintry. The personnel at the island when Congress reconvenes, Representanot large enough to handle any more, tive Lufkin, Republican, Massachusetts. a hearty cheer. was said. Anarchists confined at said to-day, after a conference with fartford, Conn., and other cities wait. members of the Senate naval com No resolution authorizing the inves-

> and other officers would be summoned. Officers reported to have followed he Atlantic fleet, with the battleship

the distinguished service medal. ject has convinced me that there are a Huntington gave a short talk to the number of cases requiring further examination and there have been addiboard adjourned which require exam- After the talk, N. J. Roberts was in ination by a board of officers." The troduced to give out the presents. All

board. First hint of a disagreement regardnaval officers came with the announcement that Rear Admiral Sims, now head of the Naval War college at Newport, R. L. had written a letter to Secretary Daniels declining the medal of fered him on the ground that recom mendations he had made for decora tions for officers on his staff had been

Sims letter. Following publication of a jolly time followed.

FUNERAL OF MRS. STACY Was Held at St. Monica's Church This Forencon.

At St. Monica's church this morning whose death occurred Wednesday mern- Miss Poletti and Miss Jessie Kidder. ing after an tilness of more than a year. The "Santa" was Dino Valz. Follow- present was Jack P. Mason of Burlingwas held at 9 o'clock, Rev. P. M. Me ing the program of dialogues, marches, Kenna presiding over the service. Dur- exercises and recitations, every child ng the services Rev. Fr. McKenna in the mission was presented a gift. posed here that conversations are al-ready in progress between Tokio and Patient's Progress Toward Recovery Christian member of St. Monica's parish, who had lived in this city for 30

ogether with the relatives, were pres-

BARCLAY BROS. INSURE ALL THEIR EMPLOYES

Novel Christmas Present Given the Men -No Expense to the Men-Insurauce Increases With the

Each of the employes of Barclay Brothers was presented an unusual Christmas gift during the afternoon of Dec. 24, in the shape of a life insurance policy issued by one of the leading companies. The amounts ranged from SUBSTANTIAL PURSE \$250 to \$2,000 each, depending upon the length of service. These policies apply after a period of three months' service

For less than one year continuou active service, \$250; for one year but less than two years of continuous ac tive service, \$500; for two years but less than three years of continuou active service, \$550; for three years but less than four years of continuous as tive service, \$600; for four years but awarded officers for their services dur- less than five years of continuous ac tive service, \$800; for five years but less than ten years of continuous acstructed to follow in general the same less than fifteen years of continuous policy adopted by the secretary in re- active service, \$1.250; for fifteen years but less than twenty years of continu-At the same time, Mr. Daniels said, ous active service, \$1,500; for twenty or more years of continuous active service, \$2,000.

This method of group insurance te miral Sims and other high officers who duires no physical examination and, so have objected to the manner in which far as known, is entirely new in the W. Suitor, treasurer. A program of the decorations thus far announced granite industry. A very interesting feature of this insurance is the fact that is automatically increases to cor- Leona Lamb and Mrs. Alex McHaffle the new recommendations of the board respond with the term of service, so that an employe who has worked conamendment. The revised report either tinuously nine years for the firm and Morrison seemed to be at his best on now holds a \$1,000 policy will receive the mandolin and received several eninal action, or acted upon by the sec- a revised one for \$1,250 one year hence cores. An exhibition of highland dancif still so employed. These policies are ing by the now well-known Naughton In discussing his order of last night to be kept in force by Barelay Broth sisters took the audience by storm, and convening the board to review cases ers at no expense to the workmen, and the little girls were encored again and they do not in any way conflict with or again tional recommendations made recently, take the place of the regular workmen's compensation protection.

In presenting these, the employes, about 100 in number, were called to which seemed characteristic of labor gether, and William Barclay gave a organizations in failing to appreciate general explanation of the idea and ced his appreciation of the long and faithful service of many of the workyears ago. The service of a number of stating that such laws as weekly pay ed the Atlantic fleet during the war others dates from 15 to fully 20 years ment, trustee exemption, child labor ago. Questions were asked and satisfactorily answered as regards the con. inspection and workmen's compensation land for further examination as to tions will be investigated by a joint abroad, periods of extended illness, etc. stamp of Mr. Ironside's work. their fitness for admission to this Senate and House naval sub-committee At the conclusion of the conference, the empolyes voiced their appreciation by

SANTA CLAUS CAME AGAIN ore arrangements can be made for an tigation is necessary, Mr. Lufkin said, And Pleased Large Number of Young People in Barre.

The Church of the Good Shepherd Rear Admiral Sims' lead in declining evening in the vestry of the church, pelier, Waterhury, Burlington, Granite-Rear Admiral Sims lead in deciming evening medals were Vice Admiral Hillary P. Two Christmas trees loaded with gifts the executive board of the State Fedfor the Sunday school classes were the eration of Labor and some local unions Connecticut as his flagship, and Captain principal decorations of the vestry. The all bearing expression of appreciation Raymond D. Hasbrouck, commanding program, though not elaborate, was de- and good will towards Mr. Ironside and officer of the battleship Minnesota lightful in its pleasing manner of pro- the work he has done on the West River branch of the Central Vermont railroad were found broken into yesterday when the station agents arrived to begin their day's work Apparatus to begin the batterial to be a distinct to be a distinct the batterial th Apparently the burglars had a oughly concurred" with the view of his a prayer by Rev. D. C. Huntington, the mentioned to convey to you an expresbrother officer, that officers who lost rector. Following this came 17 other sion of their appreciation for all you Townshend, but Station Agent E. S. their ships should not be decorated and numbers, which were all very enter- have done for them. Believe me, Brothdeclared that, therefore, having lost a taining. These included dialogues given er Ironside, we do sincerely and grateship himself during the war, he could by the tots of the Sunday school and not consistently accept the navy cross a number of recitations; also several for which he was recommended. Vice songs by the members of the Sunday Admiral Jones was recommended for school classes. The program is credited to the work of Mrs. James Mc-Secretary Daniels in his order recon- Glaffin, Mary Given and Mrs. John vening the Knight board on Jan. 5, Watson. The refreshments were presaid: "While approving in the main the pared by Mrs. Frank Robinson. Miss recommendations of the board of Maude Coburn had charge of the music. awards, my examination into the sub- Following the program, Rev. Mr.

little children, which was interesting to the older ones, though it was put tional recommendations since your into words appealing to the youngsters. order was directed to Rear Admiral of the children were presented some Austin McKnight, senior member of the form of a gift. The oranges were do nated by George Mitchell of Cherry street, and G. Maniatty gave the candy ng the distribution of war honors to Following the passing of the Christmas gifts there was a light supper served by ladies of the church. A social hour was observed and then the assembly of children and parents departed.

Children of the primary and junior epartments of the Presbyterian Sunday school spent a happy evening in being in the form of a Christmas social. ed a view of his tombstone before going Two trees prettily decorated for the hence, that the only tombstone he de occasion were laden heavily with gifts sired was the appreciation of his felfor the little ones, given for the most low-workers, and he realized that that Rear Admiral Sims submitted a list part by the teachers, who were also re- had now been bestowed upon him abunabroad, recommending all for the dis- in the role of Santa, brought joy wide- have accomplished something for labor's tinguished service medal. After the spread as he presented one after an cause, he also was proud to say that Knight board, with Secretary Daniels, other their tokens. Marches with near others seated very close to him had reviewed the cases, 13 of the recommen- ly 100 children participating and games been equally busy on behalf of labor dations were reduced to navy crosses, were enjoyed after which lunch brought and done excellent work. This action formed the basis for the by each individual was partaken of and

church was tastily decorated and two ers to maintain such conditions and large Christmas trees were loaded with improve them at every opportunity. In presents for the large Sunday school conclusion, he urged the workers to see classes. The program was opened with to it that wherever possible they should a prayer by Rev. Bert J. Lehigh of the be represented in the legislature by Baptist church. The entire program fol men from their own ranks, or such men lowing was by the children of the as were conversant with the ideals and church, with the assistance of Miss aspirations of labor. was prepared by Miss Marion Jones.

FUNERAL OF RAY PUFFER.

Many of the friends of the deceased. Was Held Yesterday Afternoon, Rev. B. G. Lipsky Officiating.

The funeral of Ray Puffer, who died And Along with It Three Stores at Main street, was held yesterday after-After the services at the church the moon from the chapel of B. W. Hooker burial in the spring.

der Ironside in Barre Last Evening

eception for Alexan-

WAS PRESENTED and are based upon the following Messages of Congratulations from Many Sec-

> tions of Vermont After transacting business in regular neeting, the Central Labor union of Barre and vicinity last night adjourned into a reception in honor of Alexander Ironside of Barre, the well known leader of labor union matters in Vermont. The carpenters' hall was filled to its capacity with the friends and well-wishers of Mr. Ironside when James Cruickshank called the assemblage to

> Seated on the platform were Mr. Ironside, president of the Central Labor union, William Eager, vice-president very entertaining numbers was given at contributed vocal solos in a very efficient and acceptable manner.

The chairman then spoke of the object for which the meeting was held, that of performing a duty long delayed, properly any special services rendered in their behalf. The chairman gave a brief outline of Mr. Ironside's work for men, two of whom entered the service many years back, especially insofar as of the company in September, 1891-28 it had reference to labor legislation, hours for women and minors, factory tinuance of the policies during visits do now, and will always, bear the

Chairman Cruickshank continued While Mr. Ironside was always keenly on the alert on behalf of labor interests, he never failed in registering his pro test against measures he deemed des imental to labor and played a promipart in preventing certain proosed laws from reaching the statute

nooks of Vermont. The chairman then produced many letters, some of which he read. These held its annual Christmas festival last letters came from Northfield, Montille, Rutland, Bellows Falls and from

fully appreciate all you have accom-plished and tried to accomplish for bettering the condition of your fellowworkers, organized and unorganized, male and female, throughout the state. That your work has not always been easy, that you have met many discouragements and been put to many inconreniences we are only too well aware.

must be of some personal satisfaction yourself, it is with a sense of satisfaction that we tell you that our present improved condition over that of some years ago has in great measure been brought about by you and such as you, and that you have not labored in

"While the results of your labors

"In wishing you the compliments of the season, your friends wish it accompanied by this little token of their good May the new year, which will soon be with us, be not far spent before you are restored to your usual health and activities is the best wish of us

The gift presented from a wide circle,

was nearly \$500 in money. Mr. Ironside feelingly replied and among other things the church vestry last night, the affair amongst very few men had been grant-

After giving some of his experience and telling what he saw in the steel and coal regions, Mr. Ironside said that Last evening at the Italian Baptist the condition of the workers in Ver-

Following these remarks, the floor continued until midnight. Among those ton, first vice-president of the State Sederation of Labor. He made a short address at the regular meeting. The committee of arrangements was compoved of James Cruickshank, Angus McDonald, E. N. Philbrick, M. P. Sull van and George Brigham.

BANK BURNED OUT.

Brecton, N. Y.

Brocton, N. Y., Dec. 27. The buildago to be at the White House for his remains were taken to the Elmwood & Co., with Rev. B. G. Lipsky, pastor ing occupied by the State bank of vanit to await burial next spring in of the Methodist church, offic ating, Brocton and three adjulying stores funeral were Bert and Willard Stacy, the ceremony. The body was placed in a loss of about \$100,000. The bank the Elimwood centerry vanit to a said currency and securities were in a fire